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Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
Department of Genetics  
Sanford University School of Medicine  
Palo Alto, California

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

A few years ago, the Genetics Society sent out a questionnaire through the Committee for the Maintenance of Genetic Stocks. The American Type Culture Collection was suggested by many respondents as a suitable place to store and preserve genetically valuable microbiological material.

Since I represent our Society on the ATCC Board, I have been asked to write to a few colleagues to request suggestions for a personnel opening at the new ATCC, now located in Rockville Park near the NIH buildings in an entirely new structure. The Director, Dr. William A. Clark, has sent the enclosed description of the position. Some independent research would be possible; the Collection plans to combine its service functions with a research program oriented toward various problems including cell characterization, preservation of cultures, and genetic and taxonomic identification. Dr. Lessel is the person in charge of bacteria.

Possible interests of a candidate would be computer or Adansonian taxonomy, hereditary aspects of nutrition, interspecific crossing, nucleic acid homologies, genetic criteria for classification, evolutionary relationships, etc., all in relation to bacteria.

If you have any knowledge of postdoctoral fellows, or younger geneticists who would be interested, please let me know. The salary is open, with the aim being to provide a scale comparing well with employment at the NIH and similar institutions. The ATCC is a private non-profit organization well-supported by both NSF and USPHS.

Sincerely yours,

*Vernon Bryson*

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Dear Dr. \_\_\_\_\_:

The American Type Culture Collection is seeking a qualified bacteriologist on the Ph. D. level to assist the Curator of Bacteria in establishing a culture-verification program in bacteriology and in designating type and neotype cultures, also to do research in characterization and classification of the bacteria.

Candidates with the following qualifications are desired:

- 1) Interest and experience in characterization and classification of bacteria.
- 2) Background in genetics.
- 3) Willingness to work with all of the bacteria, not just with special taxa.
- 4) Active laboratory experience.
- 5) Continuous pertinent publications.
- 6) An interest in and knowledge of Numerical Taxonomy as well as the classical approach to the classification of the bacteria.

The salary will be commensurate with qualifications. The ATCC attempts to keep step with the civil service salary practices in the Washington area and offers generous fringe benefits.

If you know of any qualified people who might be interested, will you please let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

William Arthur Clark, Ph. D.  
Director

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